

SUMMER READING
for students entering
grade 10

Some books to consider...

The Alchemist, Paulo Coelho

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Paulo Coelho's enchanting novel has inspired a devoted following around the world. This story, dazzling in its simplicity and wisdom, is about an Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago who travels from his homeland in Spain to the Egyptian desert in search of treasure buried in the Pyramids. Along the way he meets a Gypsy woman, a man who calls himself king, and an Alchemist, all of whom point Santiago in the direction of his quest. No one knows what the treasure is, or if Santiago will be able to surmount the obstacles along the way. But what starts out as a journey to find worldly goods turns into a meditation on the treasures found within. Lush, evocative, and deeply humane, the story of Santiago is an eternal testament to the transforming power of our dreams and the importance of listening to our hearts.

The Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Living on a peach farm in South Carolina with her harsh, unyielding father, Lily Owens has shaped her entire life around one devastating, blurred memory - the afternoon her mother was killed, when Lily was four. Since then, her only real companion has been the fierce-hearted, and sometimes just fierce, black woman Rosaleen, who acts as her "stand-in mother."

When Rosaleen insults three of the deepest racists in town, Lily knows it's time to spring them both free. They take off in the only direction Lily can think of, toward a town called Tiburon, South Carolina - a name she found on the back of a picture amid the few possessions left by her mother.

There they are taken in by an eccentric trio of black beekeeping sisters named May, June, and August. Lily thinks of them as the calendar sisters and enters their mesmerizing secret world of bees and honey, and of the Black Madonna who presides over this household of strong, wise women. Maternal loss and betrayal, guilt and forgiveness entwine in a story that leads Lily to the single thing her heart longs for most.

Some authors to consider...

Horror: Christopher Pike, Chris Crutcher, R. L. Stine

Male: Robert Cormier, Gary Paulsen, John Sandford, Robert Lipsyte, Walter Dean Meyers

Female: Laurie Halse Anderson, Deborah Tannen, Sharon Creech, Gail Levine Carson, Cecily von Ziegesar

Mystery: James Patterson, Mary Higgins Clark, John Grisham

Advice: Melissa Bank, Lauren Henderson, Rachel Simmons

Sci-Fi: Ray Bradbury, Frank Herbert, Ursula Le Guin

If you liked...

The House on Mango Street,
then you might like:
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents,
by Julia Alvarez

Flowers for Algernon,
then you might like:
Of Mice and Men, by John Steinbeck

Fahrenheit 451,
then you might like:
Animal Farm, by George Orwell

A Separate Peace,
then you might like:
A Stolen Past, by John Knowles

The Human Comedy,
then you might like:
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, by Betty Smith